# THE TRYALS At the SESSIONS In the Old-Bailey,

Which began for the City of *LONDON*, County of *Middlesex*, and Goale Delivery of *Newgate*, on Wednesday the 8th of this instant *December*, 1680 and ended on Thursday the 10th of the same; giving a full and satisfactory Relation of the most remarkable Circumstances that happened in each Tryal; as that of *Elizabeth Owen* for Firing her Masters House, and *John Sancey* for Robbing a French Marquess, and Wounding his Steward, with several others; as also the number of those Condemned to Dye, to be Burnt in the Hand, Transported, and Whipped.

1689. 1680

*Elizabeth Owen* was Tryed upon two several Indictments, the first of which was, for setting fire to the House of *James Cooper*, in the Parish of St. *Dunstans* in the West, on the 8th day of *November* last; she being then a Servant in the said House. The circumstances of the Fact were these, That in the evening of the day before-mentioned, between eleven and twelve of the clock, she came to the Tapster, and informed him that she smelt a grievous smoak, and thereupon demanded of him what he was burning? who answered, nothing but Coals; with this, she not being satisfied, went to her Master, and informed him how that she believed the House was on fire, for there was a smoak that made her coff extreamly, yet at that time there could be no smoak perceived, but the Tapster going into the yard, soon discovered that the upper part of the House was on a light fire, at which, in a great consternation, he and the rest, ran up stairs, and with the assistance of several Neighbours, had the good luck to extinguish the flame, which had consumed several Trunks, and burnt quite through the floor: during which space the now Prisoner went directly to another Garret, and opening a box, found that on fire likewise; upon these, and her denying to carry water, she was suspected, and upon farther search, they found that she had broken open the Trunk, and tying up the wearing Apparel of *Erasmus Armstrong* in one of her Aprons, had thrown them into a Neighbours yard. As likewise she had taken away three Rings, and a *Jacobus*. These circumstances being proved against her, she was found guilty of both the Indictments, that is, for setting fire to the House, and stealing the Tapsters Cloaths, Rings, and Gold, *&c.*

*Margaret Adams*, of the Parish of St. *Brides*, took her Tryal for Murthering her Male Bastard Child; the Evidence against her was, that she being lately come to *London*, had got her a Service, her Mistress not perceiving that she was with Child, but lodged a little Girl with her, when she on the 28th of *November* last, was delivered without the knowledge of any, and rising early next morning, went about her occasions, leaving the Child dead in the bed with her Mistresses Daughter, it being conjectured that she had smothered it with the Bed-cloaths, the which the Girl waking found, and called out, saying, there was a Child in the bed, where-

upon ſeveral Neighbours coming in, found it to be ſo. Upon her Tryal ſhe pleaded that the Child was ſtill born, and that one *John Aſhmore*, upon promiſe of Marriage ſo far prevailed as to deflour her, but upon the reading of the Statute in that caſe made and provided, ſhe was found guilty of the Murther.

*Charles Sancey* a French man, was Tryed for feloniouſly entring the houſe of a French Marqueſs, in the Pariſh of *St. Martins in the fields*. The Evidence againſt him, and his own Confeſſion before Juſtice *Floyd*, was this, firſt the Evidence ſwore, that about one or two of the clock in the morning, he heard Murther and Thieves, cryed out in the Marqueſſes Lodging, whereupon riſing and running thither, he found the lower doors open, and going up ſtairs, found the Marqueſſes Steward welting in his Blood, and a great Knife lying by him, ſo that finding no man there beſide, he ſearched about, (there being then ſeveral come to his aſſiſtance) and in the Celler found the Priſoner, all beſmeared with the Stewards Blood, who being carried before the Juſtice, did confeſs, that he and four more had a deſign to rob the Marqueſs, they having not long ſince robbed him of 400 Guinies. Upon his Tryal he pleaded that he was drunk, and that he got into the Houſe by chance, not knowing any thing of the buſineſs; yet that ſerved not his turn, for although he carried away nothing, as being timely prevented, he was found guilty of breaking the houſe in the night time with an intent to ſteal.

*Thomas Stone* was Tryed for Robbing of, and barbarouſly wounding *Henry Aſley* of the Pariſh of *Latham* in the County of *Middleſex*, the ſubſtance of the Tryal thus; the Priſoner ſetting upon the aforeſaid *Aſley*, bid him deliver his Money, which he refuſing, he drew out a Piſtol and ſhot him through the wriſt, of which wound he languiſhed from that time, it being the 27th of *February*, to the ſecond of *March*, and then dyed. There was very ſtrong preſumption againſt the priſoner, but there being no poſitive proof that he was the Man, he was acquitted.

*Suſanna Haſelwood* received her Tryal for entring the Houſe of *Jeremiah Lupton*, on the 26th of *October*, in the day time, and taking thence one Holland ſheet, a Table Cloath, a pinner, and ſeveral other things, being by ſome of the Neighbours taken as ſoon as ever ſhe came out of the houſe; ſhe pretended ſhe lodged there, and going in again, ſhe threw down the things, and dropped ſeveral Pick-lock keys in the Chimney corner. Upon her Tryal ſhe denyed that ſhe ever was in the Houſe; but the proof being plain, ſhe was found guilty to the value of four ſhillings and ſix pence.

*Benjamine Wilcaſon* was indicted for ſtealing a Shift, ſeveral Napkins, Table-cloaths, and other Linnen, out of a houſe neer *Paul's* Wharf, and pleaded guilty to all Felonies within the benefit of his Clergy; and thereupon was burnt in the hand.

*Samuel Doughty* and *John Cows*, were tryed for ſtealing a ſilver Tankard from *Walter Briſcoe* in the Pariſh of St. *Andrew Holborn*, valued at five pounds. The Priſoners pleaded that the ſaid *Briſcow's* Wife had given the Tankard to one of them, *viz. Doughty*, who, as he ſaid, had been a Servant to the Marquiſs of *Wincheſter*, for ſome Kindneſſes that he had obliged her in; and that ſhe had often opportun'd *Cows*, who was a Hat-maker by Trade, to deliver the ſame to *Doughty*, telling him, He ſhould come to no damage by the ſame, ſaying, That it was in part to make him

him amends for the ſervice he had loſt by keeping of her company; and that ſhe would farther gratifie him, or words to that effect. Upon which he delivered it, and it was ſold to a Goldſmith, in whoſe hands *Briſcowe* found it; but there being no Proof to contradict the womans delivering of it, they were both acquitted.

*Jane Lant* was tryed for ſtealing of Silks to the value of twelve pounds, from a Mercer. Her Plea was, That another had ſtollen the ſame and delivered it to her; but ſhe being preſent at the ſame time when it was ſtole, and part of the Goods afterwards found in her cuſtody, ſhe having been a notorious Shopliſt, and ſeveral times pardoned, was found guilty of the Felony.

*Edward Townſend* was indicted for the murdering of *Iſaac Smith* a Watchman, in *Ivy-lane* in the Pariſh of Saint *Faiths, London.* The Evidence againſt him was this, That he, in the company of *Whitticar* and *Watſon*, condemned for the ſame the laſt Seſſions, was coming down *Pater Noſter Row* in *May* laſt about three of the clock in the morning, and in their way made ſuch a noiſe as made the deceaſed, who was then upon his Stand, queſtion them, and endeavour to ſtop them; whereupon they reſiſted, and endeavoured to make their Eſcapes, *Whitticar* ſtriking up *Smith*'s heels; and *Watſon* beating down the Lanthorn of another Watchman there aſſiſting; which made *Smith* the deceaſed coller one of them, after which *Watſon* ſnatching away his Staff, with the ſame knocked him down, and thereupon they all made their Eſcape. The blow was ſo violent, that it broke *Smith*'s Scull, and of the ſaid Wound, according to the Oath of the Chirurgeon, he died within the ſpace of four months after: When as they having notice that the Parties that had done the Fact lived in the Pariſh of St. *James Clerkenwel*, they were apprehended, *Watſon* and *Whitticar*, as aforeſaid, being condemned for the ſame the laſt Seſſions: But againſt the now Priſoner there being no poſitive Proof that he was of their company, or that he meddled in the Affair, he was acquitted.

*Anne Maurlin* and *Jane Fowler* were ſeverally Tryed, for Stealing the Goods of *Richard Huetſon*, of the Pariſh of

St.

F153741
T2248.5



St. *Botolfs* without *Algate*; the former for ſtealing of a Quart-pot, valued at 1 *ſhil.* 6 *d.* the which, as they ſwore, ſhe conveyed away in a bundle of Linnen, which ſhe had to waſh: Her Plea was, that the Maid of the Houſe delivered it to her; and that ſhe had ſince told her, that it was a Lodger that put it in for the Jeaſts ſake. The Evidence being heard on both hands, it proved, that the people that proſecuted kept an ill houſe; So that the Jury brought the Priſoner in, Not Guilty.

The latter was Indicted for ſtealing of Sheets, Table-cloaths, Napkins, and other Goods, to the value of 20 *s.* and ſeveral pieces of Plate and Moneys, ſhe being a Nurſe in the houſe. The moſt remarkable paſſage in this Trial was, that a Fellow coming to teſtifie in the behalf of the Priſoner, that the Proſecutor had no ſuch Goods as were pretended to be loſt, himſelf knowing what was in her poſſeſſion, having taken an Inventory of all during the time of her Husbands abſence, and that he was fain to lend the woman of the Houſe his Shirts to wear. But in his earneſt diſcourſe Swearing an Oath, the Court obliged him to pay 12 *d.* for the ſame, and the Priſoner was acquitted.

One *John Bullion* was brought to the Bar, to be Tryed as a Popiſh Prieſt; But Pleading he had formerly been tryed for the ſame before a Judge of an Aſſize and there Acquitted, his Trial was put off till the next Seſſions.

My Lord *Lumley* being Indicted for Recuſancy, brought ſufficient Evidence, that he had been at Divine Service, and taken the Sacrament according to the Church of *England*; and thereupon Order was given for the withdrawing the ſaid Indictment.

There were Five Condemned; viz. *Elizabeth Owen*, *Margaret Adams*, *Frances Small*, *Jane Lant*, and *Charles Sancey*. Four Burnt in the Hand. Three to be Tranſported. Two to be Whipt. And ſo the Seſſion concluded.

*FINIS.*